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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for GAO Staffers on NATO Policies

1. On 19 April 1985, GAO staffers, Herman Young and Mary Gurana were briefed by DI/EURA analysts, [redacted] and [redacted] in response to questions GAO submitted on the attached paper. This was a follow-up to a briefing on 11 September 1984 for GAO staffers no longer with GAO. The briefing took place in 7B02 Hqs. at the Secret level. [redacted]

2. The briefers responded to those questions which do not involve US security interests or plans. They discussed UK policy toward areas outside of NATO, pointing out British intervention in the Falkland Islands as an exception to an increasingly limited British foreign policy. The UK was viewed as a traditional ally of the US whose military presence beyond NATO boundaries is seen as largely symbolic. [redacted]

3. Italian security interests in the Mediterranean and Middle East were also covered with the stress on Italy's limited capabilities but growing interest in playing an international peacekeeping role. [redacted]

4. GAO briefing notes were stamped SECRET and forwarded by courier to GAO. There are no follow-up matters, although the GAO staffers said they would provide CIA with a draft of their report. [redacted]

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